



**CHARTER REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
INTERIM STRONG MAYOR SUBCOMMITTEE
CHAIR- ALAN BERSIN**

**MINUTES FOR
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2007, AT 1:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM (12TH FLOOR),
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
202 C STREET, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

1:05pm Call to Order

Committee Members:

Alan Bersin, Chair	Present
John Davies	Present
Glen Sparrow	Present
Adrian Kwiatkowski	Present
Barbara Cleaves Anderson	Present

Staff in Attendance:

James Ingram, Committee Consultant
Job Nelson, Office of the Mayor
Penni Takade, Deputy Director, Office of the Independent Budget Analyst
Catherine Tran, Committee Consultant, Legal Affairs
Sharon Spivak, City Attorney's Office
Huston Carlyle, City Attorney's Office
Catherine Bradley, City Attorney's Office

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment by Joy Sunyata, East Village Resident. Ms. Sunyata expressed her opinions on the first three agenda items. Including supporting option 2 on Item number 1. That she thought the veto language was OK on Item #2 and that she supported option 1 on Item #3.

SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENT

CITY ATTORNEY, COUNCIL INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST AND MAYORAL
STAFF COMMENT

ITEM – 1: Action Item- Forward Subcommittee Recommendation on Sunset Provision

Action: Barbara Cleaves-Anderson moves to approve option 1 section 255, Alan Bersin seconds. Subcommittee unanimously moves recommendation to full committee.

ITEM – 2: Action Item- Forward Subcommittee Recommendation on 9th District

- Discussion of language, “as soon as practicable”, the City Attorney did not change staff language, but is it legally prohibited from redistricting before the census?
- At public input forums the general consensus from the community seemed to be additional districts numbering 11 or 13. Smaller Districts would equal better contact with councilmember.
- City Attorney questions whether or not subcommittee is tying the additional districts to Section 15 Strong Mayor, what if the city goes back to City Manager?
 - No, the issues are not directly tied, it is fairly clear that San Diego is in need of additional council districts

Action: Barbara Cleaves-Anderson moves to approve proposed language increasing council districts to 11 “as soon as practicable”, Glen Sparrow seconds. Subcommittee unanimously moves recommendation to full committee.

ITEM – 3: Action Item- Forward Subcommittee Recommendation on Veto

- Discussion of language provided by staff and corrected by the City Attorney.
 - Should veto be determined by percentage or “1 more than required”?
 - Are percentages accurate when dealing with such small numbers?
- Public Comment – Norma Damashek speaks to the mayoral veto already in existence.
 - Is it truly a veto, in the two cases where councilmember’s changed their votes?
- IBA Opinion: Tie veto to 11th council districts
- Mayor’s Office Opinion: You cannot tie the two together. If you do the Mayor’s hands are tied in terms of true strong mayor trial period.
- Subcommittee decides to take two votes:
 - Move forward language and concept
 - 2/3 veto placed into effect only as such time as council is expanded

Action 1: Alan Bersin moves to approve language and concept, John Davies seconds. Subcommittee unanimously moves concept to full committee. Cleaves-Anderson and Sparrow approve language of 2/3 placed into effect only at such time as council is expanded. Bersin and Davies say no. Kwiatkowski abstains.

ITEM – 4: Action Item- Forward Subcommittee Recommendation on the Mayor’s Role in Redevelopment

- Betsy...from Housing Authority speaks to the necessary independence of that agency.
- Public testimony, Michael Jenkins agreed with her position.

Action: Adrian Kwiatkowski moves that issue be deferred until next subcommittee,
Alan Bersin seconds.

3:30 Chair asks to defer remaining issues until next subcommittee meeting on August 20, 2007.

3:36pm Adjournment

- ITEM – 5: Discussion Item- Continued discussion on the placement of Intergovernmental Relations Department within the Charter
- ITEM – 6: Discussion Item- Initial discussion on the issues of budget and salary ordinance timing
- ITEM – 7: Discussion Item- Initial discussion on the Office of the IBA, scope and duties in Article 15
- ITEM – 8: Discussion Item- Initial discussion on the role of the mayor in closed session
- ITEM – 9: Discussion Item- Initial discussion on the process of Charter review in the future
- ITEM – 10: Action Item- Approve Minutes/Actions from July 16, 2007 Interim Strong Mayor Subcommittee Meeting